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featuring
The Fairy Carfather
at the Races

Can you complete this limerick?

There once was a traveller who dealt
In candies, so good they would melt.

But late one night
He had quite a fright
Because he forgot his _____.

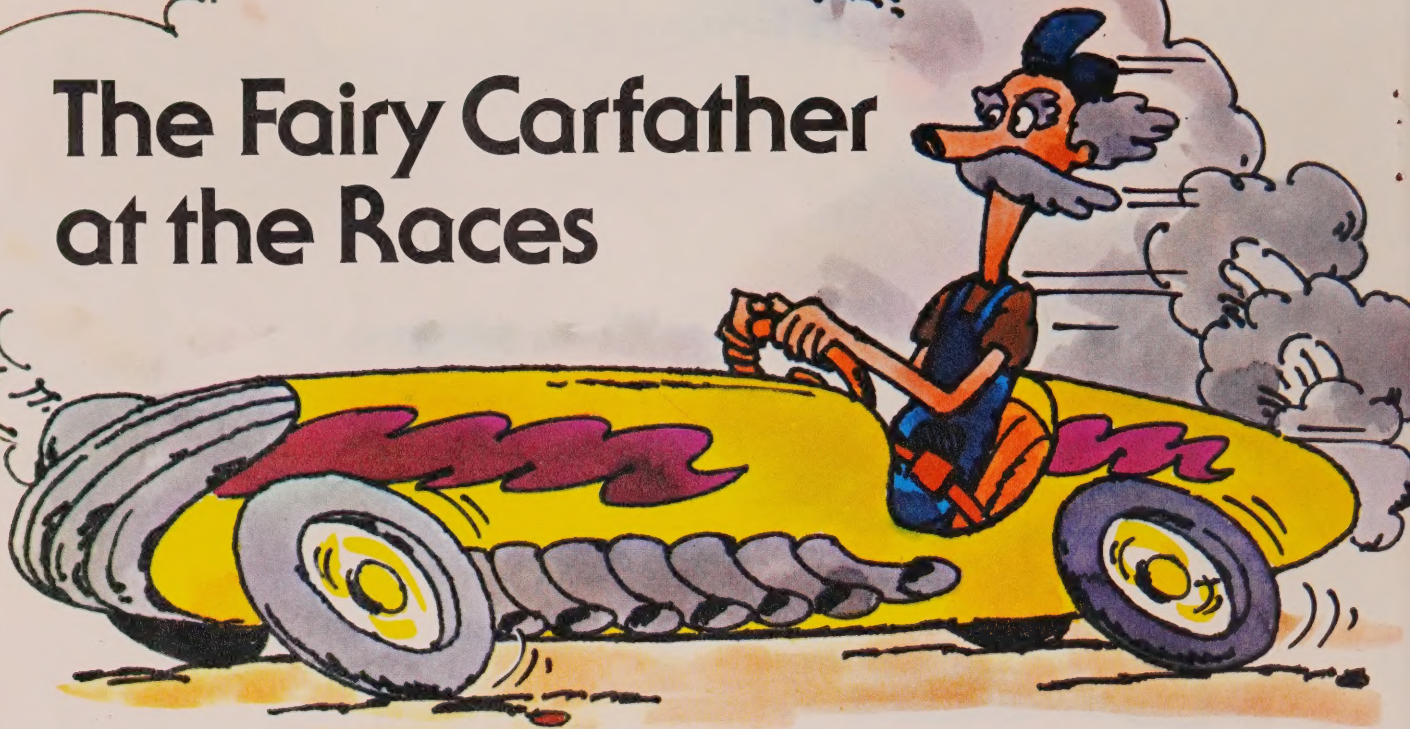


Write your own limerick:

There once was a _____



The Fairy Carfather at the Races



Today's the big race, thought the Fairy Carfather. And I'm going to win. He looked at his shiny new racing car. Its name was the Seat Belt Safety Special. He was sure it was the best car in the race.



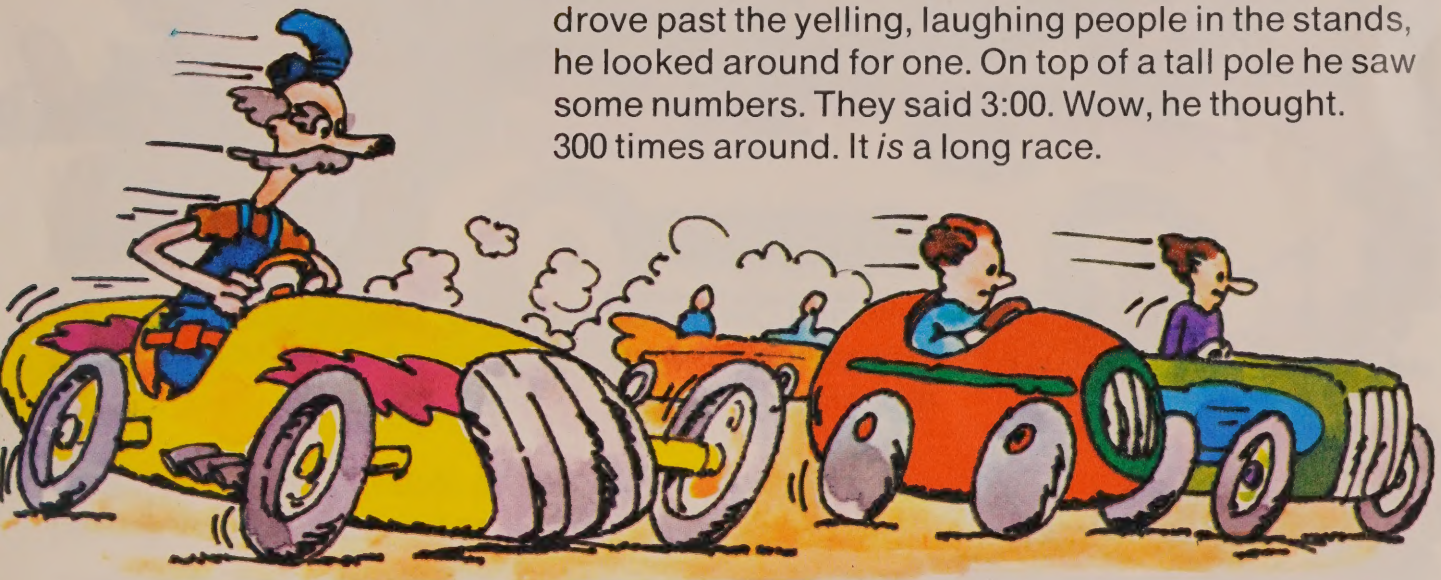
The big moment came close. There were lots of people in the stands. John and Corry were there, cheering and waving. All the racers stood next to their cars. "Get ready," called the starter. He raised his flag. "Go!" he shouted, waving the flag. Everyone shouted and cheered.

The Fairy Carfather jumped into the Seat Belt Safety Special. The first thing he did was pull down his seat belt and carefully buckle it. He made sure it was tight enough. Driving in a race was just like driving on the street. Anything could happen. Even though he was a careful driver, not everybody else was. It paid to be safe.

"Hurry up, Fairy Carfather," someone shouted. He looked up. All the other cars had started. But he knew he'd catch up. It was a long race.



Or was it? He had forgotten to ask how long the race was! But there's usually a sign, he thought. As he drove past the yelling, laughing people in the stands, he looked around for one. On top of a tall pole he saw some numbers. They said 3:00. Wow, he thought. 300 times around. It is a long race.



Pretty soon he caught up with the others. He looked up at the sign. Now it said 3:30. The Fairy Carfather was amazed. It seems the farther you went in this race, the farther you had to go. The next time he looked it said 4:00! And the time after that 4:35, and then 5:05. 505 times around, he thought. That's a lot. Around and around he went. He looked around for the other cars, but he didn't see any. Boy, I must be way ahead, he said to himself. The sign said 6:10, then 7:00, then 8:01. Soon it got dark. It seemed very quiet. 9:20, 10:50, 11:30 the sign said. The race kept getting longer and longer. The Fairy Carfather couldn't understand it.

Then all at once the sign went out. The race was over! The Fairy Carfather stopped. He unbuckled his seat belt with a quick, easy click and got out. To his surprise there was no one there. "Hello," he cried. "Where is everyone?"



John and Corry were sleeping. The Fairy Carfather's voice woke them up. "Where is everyone?" he repeated.

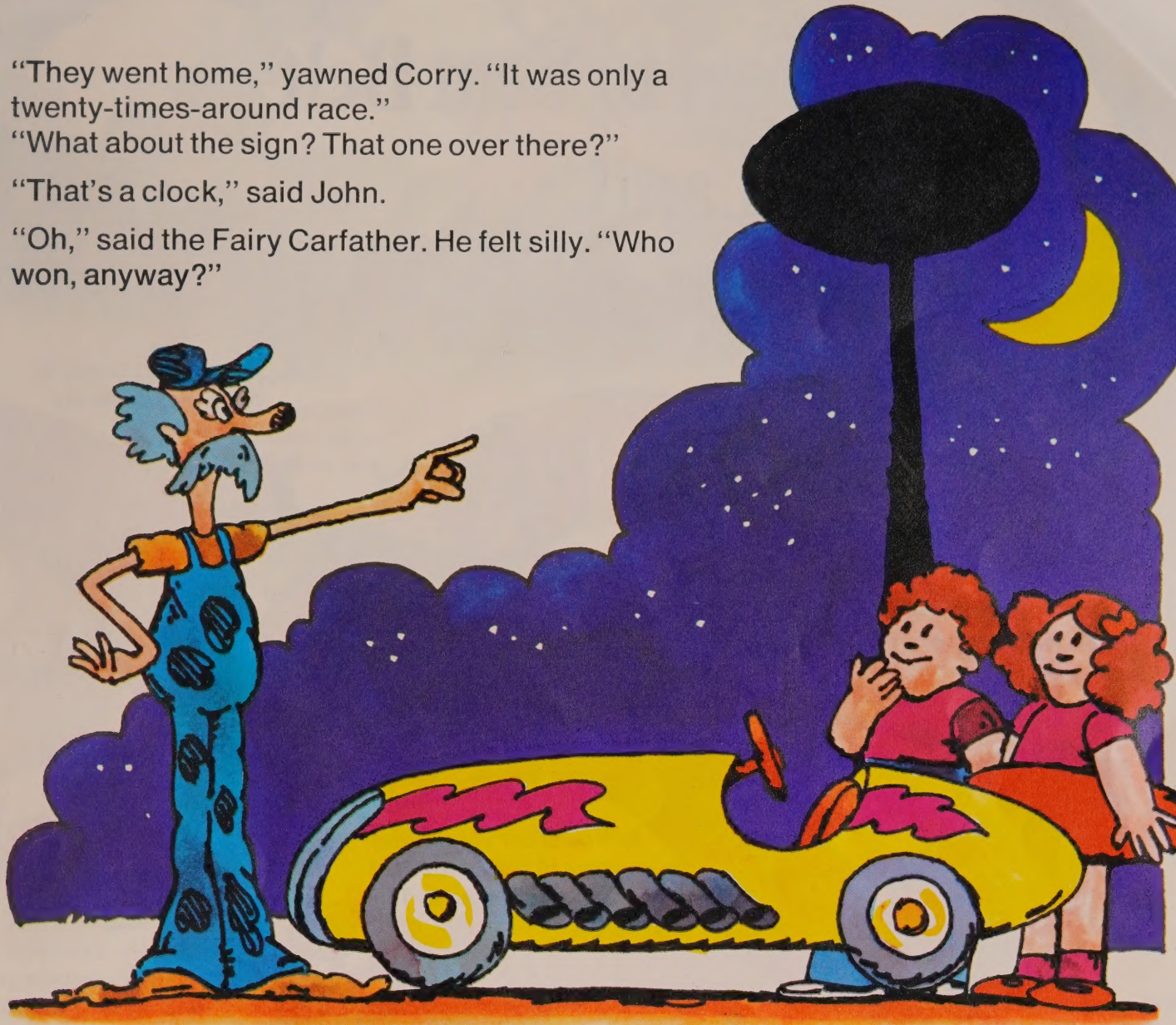


"They went home," yawned Corry. "It was only a twenty-times-around race."

"What about the sign? That one over there?"

"That's a clock," said John.

"Oh," said the Fairy Carfather. He felt silly. "Who won, anyway?"



"Well, you won the safety prize," said Corry. "For having the best-buckled seat belt."

"I did? Oh, boy, what is it?"

"A cuckoo clock," said John.

"Oh," said the Fairy Carfather.

"Cuckoo," said the clock.



Try to get to Seat Belt Safety Land

What you need to play:

- Two or more players
- One die
- One marker for each player
(Buttons, pebbles, pennies, etc.)

Rules:

Take turns rolling the die, and follow the instructions on the game until you can put your marker on Seat Belt Safety Land.

Start

6. You remind family to wear seat belts. Go ahead to 11.

5. Your seat belt is too loose. Go back to 1.

9. Miss a turn.

3. You show your friend how to fasten his seat belt. Go ahead to 12.

You stop at a gas station. Seat belt buzzer reminds you to put on seat belt. Miss a turn.

33.

Must roll 5 or less to move ahead.
35.

36. Driving along a country road. You unfasten your seat belt. Go back to 25.

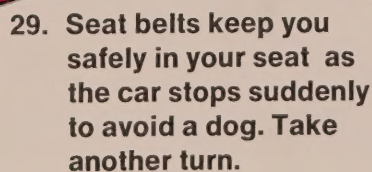
37. Must roll 3 or less to move ahead.

38. Loose objects in the car. Go back to 27.

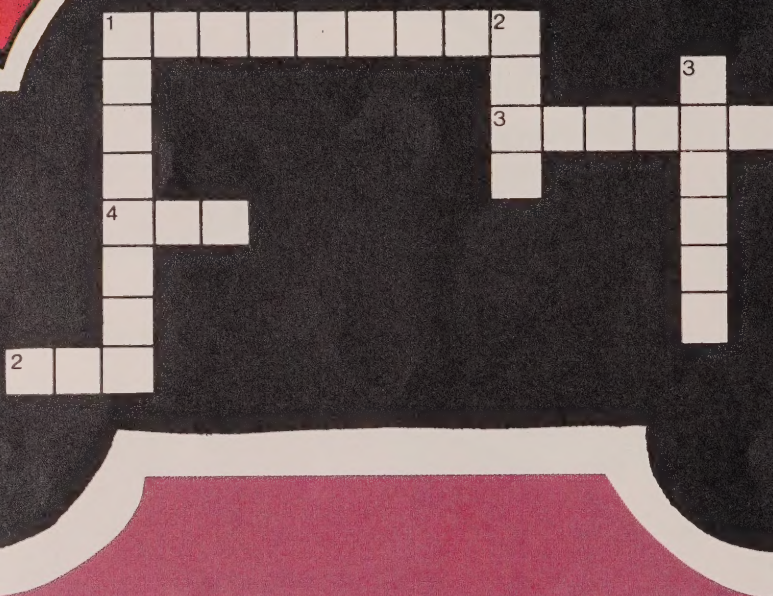
39. Must roll 1 to get to the party.

Seat Belt Safety Land.
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Crossword Puzzle

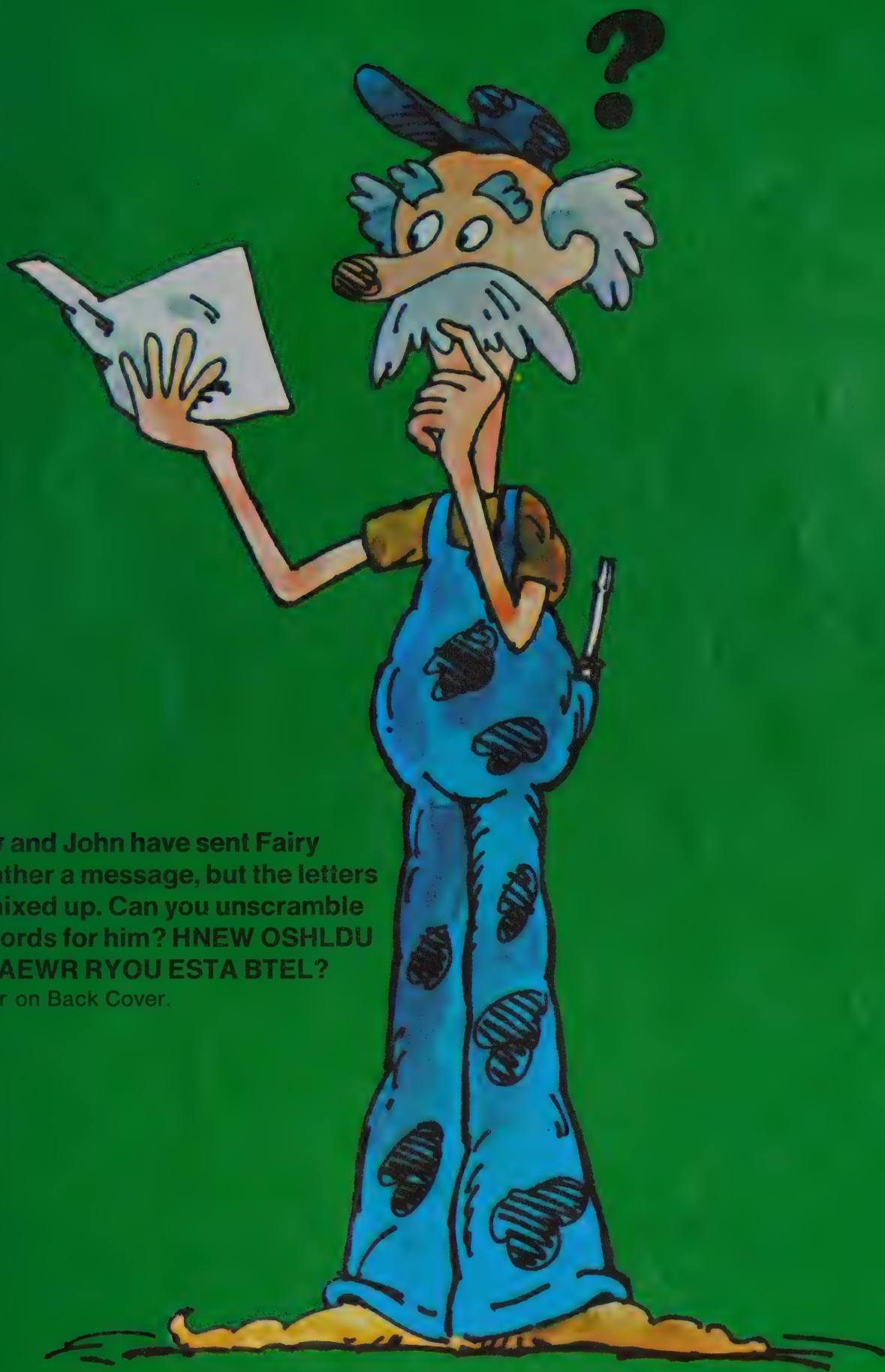


It is very important that the driver and passengers fasten their (1 across) when travelling by (2 across).

Remind your (3 across) to buckle up. In the back of the car there are (4 across) belts and in the front (1 down) belts as well.

There is an old saying that "It's better to be (2 down) than sorry." You should (3 down) wear your seat belts even on short trips.

Answers on Back Cover.



Corry and John have sent Fairy Carfather a message, but the letters are mixed up. Can you unscramble the words for him? HNEW OSHLDU OYU AEW RYOU ESTA BTEL?

Answer on Back Cover.



True or False?

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| 1. Careful drivers don't need to wear seat belts. | True/False |
| 2. Even in emergencies, it's easy to get out of seat belts quickly. | True/False |
| 3. You only need to wear a seat belt if you're travelling on long trips. | True/False |
| 4. The lap belt should be worn across your hips. | True/False |
| 5. If you wear a seat belt, you won't be in an accident. | True/False |

Test your friends, and find out how much they know about seat belt safety. Add some of your own True/False statements.

Answers on Back Cover.

Safety Test

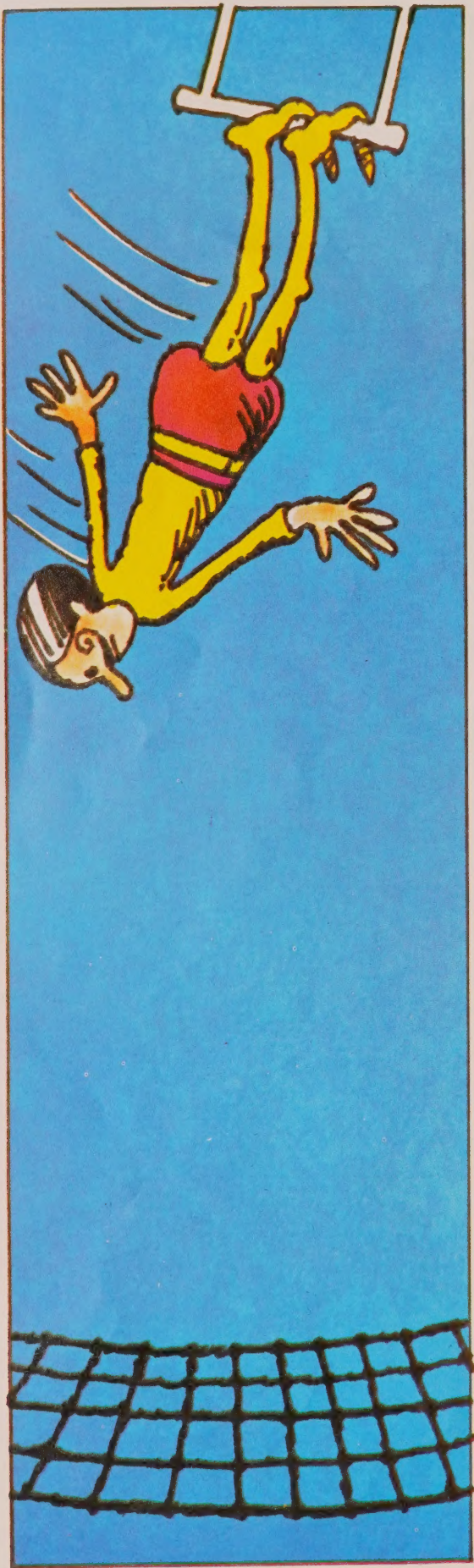
Ask the people you know in your neighbourhood to answer these questions. Give two points for each "Yes" answer.

1. Do you have seat belts in the back and the front of your car? Yes/No
2. Do you always wear a seat belt? Yes/No
3. Do you ask your passengers to wear their belts? Yes/No
4. Do you check to make sure there are no loose objects in your car that could hurt someone in an accident? Yes/No
5. Do you have your car examined regularly? Yes/No

How many of the drivers you surveyed scored 10 points? Compare your results with those of your friends.



All the people shown in the pictures below
are using safety equipment. What sort of safety gear are they using?



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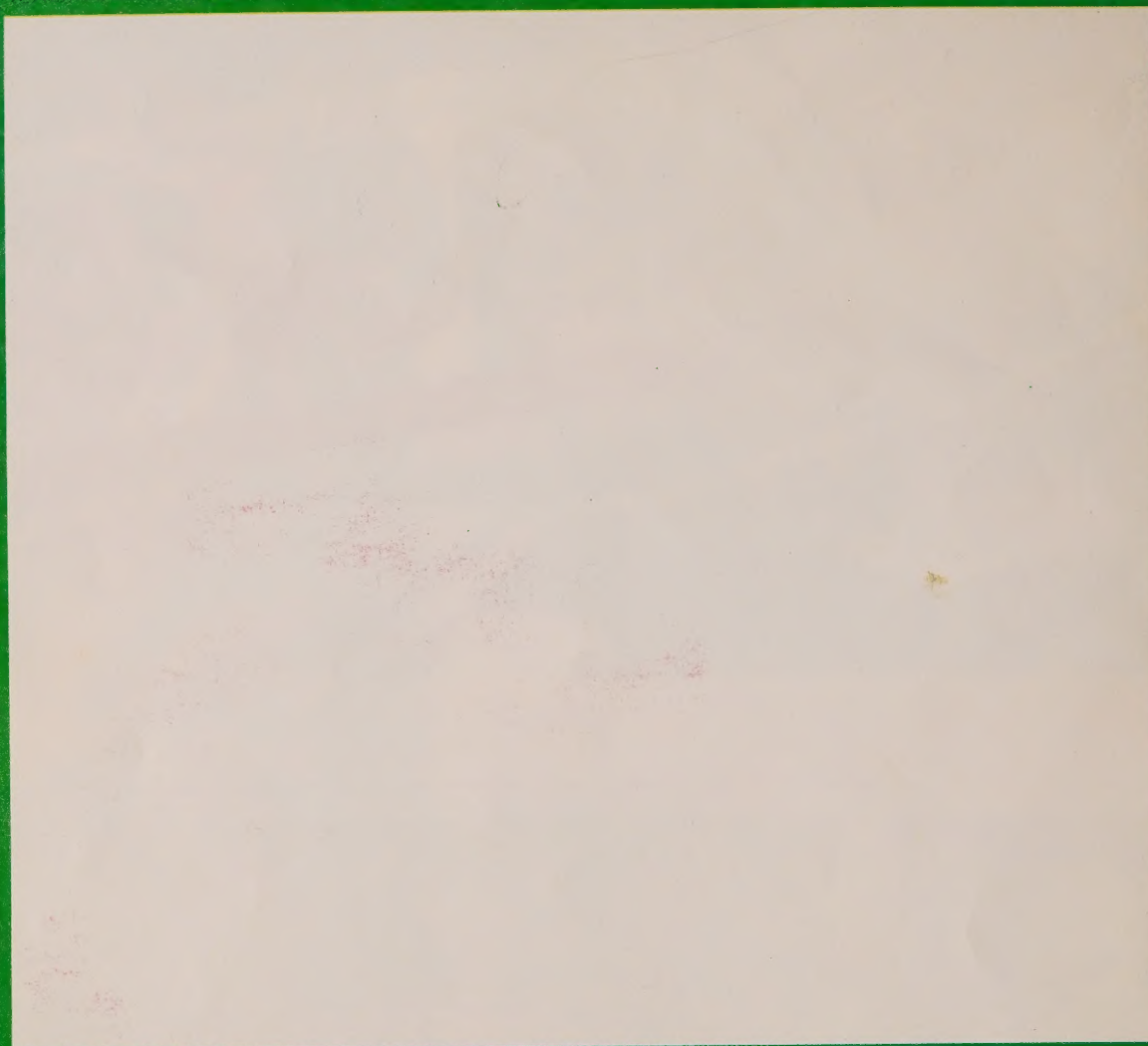


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Draw your own seat belt safety poster.



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Answers to True/False Statements

1. False. However carefully you drive, you may meet someone who is not so careful.
2. True. Seat belts help you to stay conscious in an accident and prevent you from being hurt, so that you can get out of the car quickly if you have to.
3. False. Many accidents happen close to home.
4. True. Your hips are one of the strongest parts of your body. If you wear a seat belt over your stomach, you may be injured in an accident.
5. False. Wearing a seat belt won't prevent you from having an accident, but wearing one will prevent you from being hurt.

Mixed up Message

Answer: When should you wear your seat belt?

Write the Fairy Carfather's answer in code, and see if your friends can decode it.

Safety Equipment

1. a safety net. 2. a helmet.
3. a seat belt and a helmet. 4. a life jacket.
5. seat belts. 6. a hardhat. 7. seat belts.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

across

1. Seat Belts
2. Car
3. Family
4. Lap

down

1. Shoulder
2. Safe
3. Always